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Remarks

The Examiner's Office Action mailed July 15, 2004 has been reviewed. In this response, withdrawn claims 21-26, 43-50, and 89-91 are canceled without prejudice to the later filing of a divisional application.

In the Office Action mailed July 15, 2004, the Examiner states that:

Claims 1-7, 10-11, 27, 30-34, 82, 92-94, and 101 are generic to a plurality of disclosed patentably distinct species comprising species I consisting of claims 8, 28, and 102; and species II consisting of claims 9, 29, and 32 [sic]. Applicant is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 to elect a single disclosed species, even though this requirement is traversed.

Pursuant to this requirement, Applicants elect species II consisting of claims 9, 29, and 103.

This election is made without traverse.


The Examiner also states that:

Claims 1-7, 10-11, 27, 30-34, 82, 92-94, and 101 are generic to a plurality of disclosed patentably distinct species comprising species I consisting of claims 12, 35, and 95; species II consisting of claims 13, 36, and 96; and species III consisting of claims 14-20, 37-42, 83-88, and 97-100. Applicant is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 to elect a single disclosed species, even though this requirement is traversed.

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Pursuant to this requirement, Applicants elect species III consisting of claims 14-20, 37-42, 83-88, and 97-100. This election is made without traverse.

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